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HIS
MAIESTIES
TWO
SPEECHES.

ONE
To the KNIGHTS, Gentlemen, and
Free-holders of the County of Nottingham,
at NEWARKE.

The Other,
To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Free-holders
of the Countrey of *Lincolne*, at LINCOLNE.

With severall Votes of both Houses of Parliament
concerning the raising of an Army, for the safety
of the King, and both Houses of Parliament.



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To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Free-
 holders of the County of *Nottingham*,
 at *Newark*.

Gentlemen;

YOur honest Resolutions and Affections
 to me and your Countrey, for the de-
 fence of my person, and the Lawes of
 the Land, have bin and are so notable, that
 they have drawne me hither onely to thanke
 you, I goe to other places to confirme and un-
 deceive my Subiects, but am come hither on-
 ly to thanke and encourage you: you have
 made the best iudgement of happinesse, by re-
 lying on that foundation, which the experi-
 ence of so many hundred yeares hath given
 such prooffe of, the assurance and security of

the Law: and assure your selves when Lawes shall be altered by any other Authority, then that by which they were made, your foundations are destroyed: and although it seeme at first but to take away my power, it will quickly swallow all your Interest. I aske nothing of you (though your demeanour gives me good evidence that you are not willing to deny) but but to preserve your owne affections to the Religion and Lawes established, I will iustifie and protect those affections, and will live and dye with you in that quarrell.

Y Our honest Resolutions and Affections
to me and your Country, for the de-

they have drawn me hither only to thank
you I go to other places to continue and un-
der give my Subject, but am come hither
ly to thank and encourage you: you have
made the best judgement of happiness, but re-

high proof of the assistance and favour of

His Majesties S P E E C H,
 To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, of
 the County of Lincolne, and at Lincolne:

Gentlemen,
 IF I could have suspected your affections, or have
 censured the duty of this County, by some late
 actions in it, I should not have taken this paines to
 have given a Testimony of my affection to you; and
 to remove those objections, which being raised by a
 Malignant Party, may by their cunning and industry,
 get credit even with honest minds. The truth is, I
 come to you to assure you of my purposes and Reso-
 lutions for the Defence of what ever is or should be
 deare unto you, your Religion, your Liberty, your
 Common Interest, and the Law of the Land: & to un-
 deceive you of that opinion, which I hear hath misled
 many of you, That the pretended Ordinance of the
 Militia is warranted by my consent and Authority.
 As I have already informed you, by my severall De-
 clarations and Messiges, that the same is against the
 known Law, and an Invasion of my unquestionable
 Right, and of your Liberty and property, so I doe
 now declare unto you, that the same is imposed up-
 on you against my expresse consent, and in contempt
 of my Regall Authority; and therefore whosoever
 shall henceforth presume to Execute or Obey the
 same, I shall proceed against them, as against such

who promote Rebellion, and actually leave War against me; and I doubt not but you will sadly consider, that if any Authority without and against my consent may lawfully impose such burthens upon you, it may likewise take away all that you have from you, and subject you to their lawlesse Arbitrary power and Government: and how farre they are like to exercise that Jurisdiction towards you, you may guesse by the insolence of Sir *John Hosbaw* at *Hull*, who (being a Subject) not onely presumes to keepe His Soverain, by force of Arms, out of His Town, but murders his Fellow-Subjects, imprisons them, burns their Houses, drowns their Lands, takes them Captives, and commits such Outrages, and Acts of Hostility, as the most equall and outrageous enemies practise in any Countrey, that you may see how impossible it is for your Liberties and Properties to be preserved, your King is Oppressed; and His just Rights taken from Him. Who hath brought these Calamities upon your Neighbours at *Hull*, every man sees; & they onely can bring the same upon you. I will not believe you to be so insensible of the benefits you have received from me, that I need put you in mind of the gracious Acts passed by me & this Parliament on your behalves, and if there be any thing wanting, to the making you the happiest Subjects in the world, I am sure it is not my fault that you have not that too: Be not deceived with words, and generall expressions. It is not in your power to name one particular which might make you happy, that I have refused to grant: be not frightened with apprehensions, that this Countrey is like to be the Seat of a war, the

Seat

Seat of a war will be onely where persons rise in Rebellion against me: that will not, I hope, be here, and then you shall be sure of my protection. I will live and dye in your defence, and that you may be in a readinesse, and a posture to defend yourselves and me, against any Invasion or Rebellion, I have Armed severall Persons of Honour, Quality, and Reputation amongst you, and of your owne Country, with a Commission of Array to that purpose: there is no honest end declared in that Ordinance, which is not provided for by this Commission, which being according to the old known Law, is fit for your obedience, and I doubt not will find it.

In a word, I assure you, upon the faith and honour of a Christian King, I will be alwayes as tender of any thing which may advance the true Protestant Religion, protect & preserve the Lawes of the Land, and defend the just Priviledge and Freedome of Parliament, as of my life, or Crowne: and when I faile in either of these, I will not looke for your assistance; till then you are concerned, not to see me suffer.

Votes of both Houses.

Dis. Martis 12. Iulii. 1642.

Resolved upon the Question.

THAT an Army be forthwith raised for the safety of the Kings person, defence of both Houses of Parliament, and of those who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preserving of the true Religion, the lawes, liberty, and peace of the Kingdome.

Re-

That the House of Essex shall be Generall

That this House doth declare, that in this cause, for the safety of the Kings Person, defence of both Houses of Parliament, and of those who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preserving of the true Religion, the lawes, liberty and peace of the Kingdome, they will live and dye with the Earle of Essex, whom they have nominated Generall in this Cause.

That a Petition shall be framed to move his Majesty to a good accord with his Parliament, to prevent a Civill War.

The Petition being drawn, was agreed unto upon the Question, and with these Votes were presented unto the Lords, who returned answer, they did concurre with the House of Commons.

Whereupon both Houses Ordered, that the Earle of Rutland, Sir John Manners, and Sir Philip Dracott, should forthwith repair to Atherly and present the Petition unto his Majesty.

The Message of the 21 of July came to the House of Peeres, after this Petition was agreed on, being so full an answer thereto, as both Houses resolved to give no other Answer to that Message but the said Petition.

Resolved upon 16. Question, June 14. 1642.

That all the Members both of the House that have subscribed for the bringing in Money, Horse, or Plate, doe bring in the same by Tuesday next, and that a Report be then made to the House, who are defective herein.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the Earle of Arundell shall be Generall of the Forces

FINIS.